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Title: METHOD OF DECODING AND OF JOINT EQUALIZATION OF A  
DIGITAL SIGNAL PROTECTED BY A CODE DEFINED BY A  
TRELLIS

Inventor(s): Tortelier et al.

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1. Transmittal Form PTO-1083 (1 pg) and duplicate thereof (1 pg)
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In re Application of: Ortelius et al.Application No. 10/070,854Filed: March 8, 2002For: METHOD OF DECODING AND OF JOINT EQUALIZATION OF A DIGITAL SIGNAL  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is response to an office action in the subject application.

☐ Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.☒ Petition For Extension Of Time☐ Applicants petition for a extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$ (enclosed).☒ Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 07-0181 for the appropriate petition fee.☒ No additional claim fee is required.☐ Other:

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

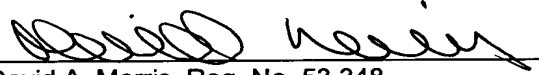
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